## STATE OF INDIANA

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

## PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, one of the most profound responsibilities of Indiana's Department of

Homeland Security is to ensure the safety and security of Hoosiers during

emergencies and disasters of all kinds, including terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the loss of life and property can be greatly reduced if appropriate prevention

and preparedness measures are taken before and after a large scale disaster

or event; and

WHEREAS, the recent flooding in our state brought home the urgent need for families,

businesses, and communities to make plans before a disaster hits; and

WHEREAS, due to advanced preparation and coordination, the Indiana State

Department of Health and its public health partners on the local level were able to respond quickly to the flooding, providing tetanus shots, well water testing, and other important health services and information to the flood

victims; and

WHEREAS, all Hoosiers have a responsibility to contribute to their own safety and

security as part of a larger campaign of national preparedness; and

WHEREAS, education and awareness are essential to any preparedness program; and

WHEREAS, Hoosiers can greatly reduce the risk of death, injury, and property loss by

taking four important steps: get a kit, make a plan, be informed, and get

involved;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim September 7 to 13, 2008 as

## Preparedness Week

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Deal of State. Done at the City of Indianapolis, this 3 nd day of Gugust in the year of our

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of the United States 232.

BY THE GOVERNOR:

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